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Docket No.: 050432-0293 (G0355)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Cyrus E. TABERY, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 1966
Application No.: 10/021,782	:	Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: December 18, 2001	:	Examiner: Isaac, Stanetta D.
For: SCANNING LASER THERMAL ANNEALING	:	

REPLY BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

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Sir:

The following Remarks are respectfully submitted in response to new issues raised in the Examiner's Answer dated July 11, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41.

REMARKS

Appellants traverse new issues raised in the Examiner's Response to Argument in the Examiner's Answer. On page 10 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner alleged that the laser annealing process of Embodiment 2 is different from the laser annealing process of Embodiment 1. The Examiner's position is not supported by the Yamazaki disclosure of Embodiment 1 and Embodiment 2.

The disclosed difference between Embodiment 1 and Embodiment 2 are the manner of formation of the silicon oxide film and the film thickness. In Embodiment 1, the silicon oxide film is formed at a thickness of 2000 Å on a glass substrate by plasma CVD using TEOS as a